

September 8, 2003

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Attorneys Public & Private
CC: Hon. Raymond L. Finch, Chief Judge
Hon. Thomas K. Moore, District Judge
Hon. Geoffrey W. Barnard, Magistrate Judge
Wilfredo Morales, Clerk of Court
Docket Clerks, St. Croix & St. Thomas
FROM: Jeffrey L. Resnick
U.S. Magistrate Judge
RE: Discovery Documents

LRCi 26.1 provides that in responding to a request for document production and in responding to written interrogatories, the responding party shall not file any such responses with the Court and instead should file a notice thereof.

LRCi 30.1 provides that depositions are not to be filed with the Clerk of Court unless the case proceeds to trial or there is an order for such filing.

LRCi 33.1 provides that in lieu of filing the original unanswered interrogatories, the interrogating party shall file with the Clerk of Court a notice that interrogatories have been served.

The January 31, 2001 Order of Chief Judge Finch regarding filing of requests for production of documents (Fed. R. Civ. P. 34) provides that unless otherwise ordered, the requesting party shall not file its unresponded to request for production and instead should file only a notice thereof.

The February 9, 2001 Order of Chief Judge Finch regarding filing of documents produced pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 and LRCi 26.1-26.3 provides that the responding party shall not file any documents produced pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 & LRCi 26.1-26.3 (e.g. expert opinion reports). This also applies to self-executing disclosure and any and all supplemental responses to interrogatories and production requests.

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Please provide copies of this notice to all firm attorneys and legal assistants responsible for filing documents. Please cease filing interrogatory requests, requests for production, self-executing disclosures, expert witness reports and responses and supplemental responses to discovery requests except as expressly provided in LRCi 37.2 (i.e. as an adjunct to a discovery motion). The docket clerks are requested to return all such documents that are improperly filed.